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SUBJECT: SOVIET-OWNED FACTORY IN FRANCE STRUCK

SEGMENTS OF THE FRENCH PRESS ARE REPORTING, WITH DEVIOUS ENJOYMENT, A STRIKE AGAINST A SOVIET-OWNED WATCH FACTORY IN BRESANCON. THE LEFT-SOCIALIST CFTD IS STRIKING THE FIRM SLAVA, WHICH HAS BEEN ASSEMBLING WATCHES FROM SOVIET PRODUCED COMPONENTS FOR SALE IN THE WEST SINCE 1961. THE UNION IS DEMANDING A 5 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE, A 13TH MONTH OF PAY, A FIFTH WEEK OF VACATION, AND A 40-HOUR WEEK. THE FIRM'S RUSSIAN DIRECTOR, IN ONE INTERVIEW, IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE IS OBEYING FRENCH LAW AND THE WAGE LEVELS ESTABLISHED BY THE INDUSTRY'S FEDERATION, AND THAT HE CAN'T GIVE IN AND REMAIN COMPETITIVE. THE SOVIET MANAGER IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING, WITH RESPECT TO A NEIGHBORING AMERICAN FIRM: "YOU KNOW, OUR NEIGHBORS DON'T HIDE IT; IF THERE'S A STRIKE THERE, THEY'LL DISMANTLE THE PLANT AND THROW EVERYONE OUT THE DOOR. I'VE SEEN THAT DONE IN PORTUGAL." THE PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT

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THE TEN SOVIET WORKERS IN THE PLANT ARE CONTINUING ON THE JOB, IGNORING THE PICKETS.
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